

UNITED WAY OF BROWARD COUNTY HOSTS FESTIVITIES
United Way Week Events to Celebrate the Community's Support

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. – January 5, 2006 – Now that the New Year has arrived, the countdown for United Way Week is officially on! During the week of Feb. 6-11, 2006, United Way of Broward County is hosting a series of events to thank the community for the past year's successes. Following is a rundown of the week's activities:

Women's Way Annual Luncheon – 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, Feb 6, 2006

More than 200 Women's Way members will gather, during a luncheon at Signature Grand in Davie, to celebrate the impact the group continues to make in Broward County. During the event, a special award will be presented to an outstanding woman in our community. Additionally, the program will highlight accomplishments and projects for the year, including:

- Constructing a playground at the Salvation Army
- Refurbished kids rooms and play area at Children's Home Society for its 10th anniversary
- Contributed more than \$55,000 to Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center to enhance the area for the children in their care
- Production of Broward County's Mayor's Gala.
- Inaugural "Shop 'til you Drop" Bazaar held on Nov. 11, 2005 raised dollars for United Way of Broward County's Community Impact Fund and built community awareness about Women's Way

Women's Way is a group of women – 356 members – who just "get it done." It was created three years ago for women leaders to identify social service needs in our community and ways to answer those needs. The group offers a venue for very busy, committed women to make a difference one little step at a time! It is not a fundraising group...its members are advocates and hands-on volunteers!

Information available soon regarding cost for the event. Please visit www.unitedwaybroward.org frequently for updates.

United Way Staff Community Service Day – Wednesday, February 8, 2006

United Way of Broward County employees will spend the day volunteering at some of the organization's 68 partner agencies.

Community Celebration – 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, February 9, 2006

United Way of Broward County's 2006 Community Celebration presented by Sun-Sentinel will take place at Signature Grand in Davie. During the 500 guest celebration, United Way of Broward County will thank all of the companies and volunteers involved with the 2005 Annual Campaign.

While guests enjoy food and beverages, several awards and impact results will be presented. Special awards will be given in the following categories: Exceptional Hurricane Relief Efforts, Outstanding Campaign Support and Best Community Impact Initiatives.

Additionally, the winner of the 2006 Mercury Montego donated by will be announced.

Tickets are \$60 per person, \$550 for a corporate table of 10 and \$700 for corporate sponsors (includes table of 10 and full page program ad). To make a reservation, please contact Madeline Garcia at 954-462-4850, ext. 100 or via e-mail at mgarcia@unitedwaybroward.org.

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United Way of Broward County also has invited its 68 partner agencies to participate in an Agency Fair from 5-6 p.m. to showcase vital social services being provided by each. The Fair will provide an opportunity for guests to learn about the impact being made in Broward County through each agency's collaboration with United Way of Broward County.

Agency Fair booth space is free. Partner agencies wishing to participate should contact Madeline Garcia at 954-462-4850, ext. 100 or via e-mail at mgarcia@unitedwaybroward.org by Tuesday, January 10 to RSVP.

Proclamation Day/"I Support United Way Day" – 8:30 a.m. on Friday, February 10, 2006

Each mayor in Broward County has been invited to gather alongside the county's 31 mayors and other government officials to be recognized as a United Way of Broward County Community Partner. United Way of Broward County will host a program and light breakfast at its offices (Ansin Building, 1300 South Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316).

To create even more awareness for the community-wide "I Support United Way Day" initiative, each city has been asked to present a proclamation in honor of United Way Week and to encourage the community to continue to support United Way of Broward County every day. Additionally, each mayor will be presented with a United Way of Broward County t-shirt and a Thank You token for the city.

Leading up to this date, United Way of Broward County is encouraging all of Broward County's residents to purchase a commemorative United Way of Broward County t-shirt to wear on this day in support of the organization. "I support United Way of Broward County" t-shirts may be purchased for \$5 at www.unitedwaybroward.org.

Inaugural "Race for What Matters" 5K Run/Walk – 7:30 a.m. (race begins) on Saturday, February 11, 2006

Holy Cross Hospital presents United Way of Broward County's Inaugural "Race for What Matters" 5K Run/Walk on Fort Lauderdale Beach. The flat, out and back course along A1A is USATF Certified. The chip-timed event will serve as the perfect tune-up for those preparing to participate in the A1A Marathon, which will take place along the same course the following weekend. The "Race for What Matters," will feature various activities, including: fun and games with the Y-100 Street Team and an LA Fitness warm-up for participants. Food, beverages, music and family entertainment will be available. United Way of Broward County is inviting all of Broward County to "Race for What Matters," including funded agencies, corporate employees and persons with disabilities. All participants will receive a commemorative medal and awards and cash prizes will be presented at the completion of the run.

Schedule of events:

Raceday Registration - 6 a.m.

5K Run/Walk Begins - 7:30 a.m.

Breakfast - 8 a.m.

Awards and Raffle Announcements – 8:45 a.m.

Where:

Fort Lauderdale Beach, along A1A, adjacent to Bahia Mar and Yankee Clipper

Directions: I-95 to Broward Blvd. East. Turn right onto SE 3rd Ave. Turn left onto East Las Olas Blvd. Turn right onto Seabreeze Blvd.

Registration:

Pre-registration (before Feb. 8, 2006) - \$20

Race Day Registration - \$25

Pre-register any time before Feb. 8, 2006 at:

Runner's Depot

2233 South University Drive, Davie

954-474-4074

16319 Miramar Parkway, Miramar

954-432-4144

or on-line at www.unitedwaybroward.org

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To learn more about any of the United Way Week events, please call 954-462-4850 or visit our website: www.unitedwaybroward.org.

About United Way of Broward County

United Way of Broward County is a volunteer driven, community-based, non-profit organization with a mission to improve the lives of individuals and families in Broward County. United Way of Broward County unites the resources of donors, volunteers and agencies to identify and target the community's most pressing needs and create measurable results that have the greatest impact. For more information, visit www.unitedwaybroward.org.

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SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

As part of United Way Week, United Way of Broward County is encouraging all South Florida residents to support the organization by wearing a commemorative United Way of Broward County t-shirt on Friday, Feb. 10, 2006.

T-shirts can be purchased for \$5 by calling **954-462-4850**, visiting **www.unitedwaybroward.org** or mailing in the completed form below with payment.

Proceeds from the t-shirts will go to benefit United Way of Broward County's Community Impact Fund.
For details on other United Way Week events, please visit our website at www.unitedwaybroward.org

T-Shirt size/quantity (\$5 per shirt): SM___ MD___ LG___ XL___ Mailing Fee (add \$1.50 per shirt)
Total Amount Enclosed: \$_____
Credit Card: _____ Credit Card #: _____
Cardholder Name: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Or, enclose check payable to:

United Way of Broward County – T-shirt

Mail to: Ansin Building 1300 South Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

*Orders can be picked up at
United Way of Broward County's offices
or please supply delivery info as indicated →*

DELIVERY INFORMATION

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Delivery Address (including zip code): _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____